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New York Office Approves Recommendation For USO Club Operated In Edenton

Rev. W. C. Benson Notified of Action This Week

WILL BE IN HOTEL

YMCA Selected as Agency to Manage Operation

After much time and energy used in study, correspondence and conferences, the efforts of the Rev. W. C. Benson, chairman of the Service Men's Recreation Committee, bore fruit this week when he was notified by Ernest H. Edinger, associate regional executive of the USO, that the New York office has passed favorably on the recommendation to designate a USO Club for Edenton, which was requested by Mr. Benson's committee.

Mr. Benson was also informed that the YMCA has been selected as the agency to manage the operation, which meets with the approval of Mr. Benson and his associates.

Henry Lisk, USO building consultant and either Kenneth Dale, regional supervisor for USO-YMCA, or his associate, Vesper C. Smith, will, in a few days, contact Mr. Benson to undertake preliminary steps for the installation of the USO Club here, which will most likely be located in the Hotel Joseph Hewes Building.

When completed, the USO Club will be headquarters for recreation for Marines who will be stationed at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, as well as any other service man who happens to be in Edenton.

The project has been underway for several months and was the outgrowth of a suggestion made at a meeting of the Ed Bond Post of the Legion in the Court House building by a number of members who carried out the idea. An organization was perfected and no little work has been done in an effort to provide suitable recreation for the service men.

Though the YMCA will manage the Club, it will be necessary for the Service Men's Recreation Committee to cooperate with the representatives in working out a program and facilities that will meet the needs of the boys in uniform who visit Edenton.

Lunch Room At CHS Hanging In Balance

New Program Necessary Due to Loss of WPA Aid

Because no further WPA aid will be available, the lunch room at Chowan High School is causing no little concern for the Victory Garden Committee of the school. At a meeting held Tuesday night plans for a new program were discussed and despite the uncertainty of operation of the lunch room next year, it was decided to plant a school garden and tentative plans are to ask for volunteers to can what food is grown in the garden.

Another meeting will be held March 17 at the school, at which the public is asked to be present in order to adopt a program whereby the lunch room can continue to operate.

Last Chance

Chowan County's War Price and Rationing Board, whose office is in the Citizens Bank Building, will be open to the public Friday night, March 5, from 8 o'clock until 10. At that time personnel of the office will take applications for War Ration Book 1.

If any one has lost, misplaced or never secured Book 1, it will be necessary to submit an application at the above mentioned time. This will be the last opportunity to apply for War Ration Book 1, which is necessary to have before Book II is issued.

Office hours of the local board are 8 to 12:30 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and 8:30 to 5:30 on Wednesdays and Saturdays, with lunch from 1 to 2 o'clock.

"Vy Shore, Abie"

It will be interesting to know that the little story about the placard displayed in the Bank of Edenton to the effect that a holiday has been declared on the day of Hitler's funeral was carried in newspapers all over the country, and as a result letters of approval have been received by Vice President D. M. Warren from far distant points. Mr. Warren derived no little pleasure in reading these letters and one in particular claimed his special attention. It was a brief letter from Michael Lubin, a Philadelphia realtor, who concluded his message: "On that day there will also be a Jewish holiday."

Negro Stabber Of Walter Adams Held For Superior Court

Preliminary Hearing In Recorder's Court Saturday Afternoon

In a session of Recorder's Court held Saturday afternoon, Private William Martin, Negro, was bound over to the next term of Superior Court. Martin, on the night of January 16, stabbed Walter Adams, a white man, whose life hung in the balance for several days.

Martin's attorney, Herbert Leary, after several witnesses testified, requested Judge Marvin Wilson to dispose of the case, but the latter rendered an opinion that the crime was too serious and that he would send the case to the higher court. Bond was set at \$500.

At the same time Harvey Cayton and Eva Hudson were tried on a charge of cohabitation. Each was found guilty and sentenced to 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$25 and costs. Judge Wilson later changed the woman's sentence to five days in jail on condition that she leave the county.

Lions Club Meets Tuesday At 1 P. M.

Weekly Meetings Will Be Held In Parish House

Next Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, the Edenton Lions Club will meet in the Parish House with dinner being served by members of St. Mary's Guild. The hour is a departure from the usual meeting time which since the club was organized has been on Monday nights. The change in both the day and hour of meeting was necessary in order to be served by the group of ladies.

The club's meetings will be held weekly at the same place and hour and every member is especially urged to be present at the first meeting under the new arrangement.

Dr. J. M. Jackson New Health Officer

Assumes Duties Monday Succeeding Dr. J. S. Chamblee

Dr. J. M. Jackson, on Monday, assumed the duties as health officer for the Bertie-Chowan Health District, succeeding Dr. J. S. Chamblee, who resigned to accept a similar position in Nash County. Dr. Jackson comes from Currituck County, where he was health officer for the Camden-Currituck District. He is highly recommended by the State Department of Health, as well as Virginia health authorities, where he was employed before coming to North Carolina.

Campaign Begun To Banish Malaria In Chowan County

Elaborate Project Sponsored By Federal Government

AFTER "SKEETER"

Lieut. Ralph D. Bruno Will Be Officer In Charge

Under the direction of the U. S. Public Health Service and the State Board of Health, Edenton and Chowan County will benefit by an anti-malaria campaign, which was assured Monday when Charles Leonard, sanitarian for Chowan, Bertie and Gates Counties, informed the County Commissioners that an extension program is under way to eliminate malaria along the eastern seaboard, especially in the vicinity of defense centers.

The campaign will be a drive to eliminate mosquito breeding rather than to treating the disease, a project undertaken about 15 years ago by the Rockefeller Foundation under the direction of Dr. M. T. Boyd and which was very successful.

The expense of the project will be borne by the Federal Government, which includes labor and equipment, except that the county will be required to furnish a garage or building to house trucks and supplies and an office for the man in charge. Chairman D. M. Warren was authorized to work with the health officials in securing adequate housing facilities.

Lieutenant Ralph D. Bruno arrived in Edenton Monday and will be in charge of the project. He will be located in Edenton.

About 30 men will be employed in this work which will be carried out along the same lines as was done by the Rockefeller Foundation in and near Edenton.

M. L. Flynn Goes Out Of Grocery Business

Edenton's business section is minus another business which resulted on Saturday night when M. L. Flynn decided to give up his grocery business in the building next to Byrum Hardware Company. Mr. Flynn has operated a grocery store for about two years and attributed his decision to close to difficulty in securing merchandise as well as labor problems.

There are now three vacant stores in the business section, the one recently vacated by Ralph Parrish's Western Auto Store, Flynn's present store and the one he previously occupied on the other side of Broad Street.

Legion Auxiliary Will Meet On Friday Night

The Auxiliary of the Ed Bond Post of the American Legion will meet Friday night at 8 o'clock in the Red Men's Hall. Mrs. R. L. Pratt, president, requests every member to be present for this meeting.

POINT RATIONING CREATES NEED FOR VICTORY GARDENS IN TOWN AND COUNTY

Scarcity of Food Anticipated Unless Vacant Land Is Converted to Raising Vegetables For Consumption In Homes

Point rationing is causing both rural and town people to realize more than ever, the importance of producing and conserving food for home use. The average number of cans of food that each person can buy is four per month, which is much less than the majority of town or city families have been buying. Neither can these people buy home-canned foods from the farm women without giving their stamps from War Book No. II, and the farm women cannot accept these stamps unless they are registered with OPA just as the merchants register.

Faced with this fact, people who have not had gardens before are planning to have Victory Gardens this year. There are five good reasons for this, namely: 1. War demands more food—for home use, for our fighting men, and for our Allies. 2. The Government will take an even larger part of commercially canned foods in 1943 than in 1942. 3. Meat will be rationed. This will require use of more vegetables for a balanced diet. 4. Certain foods will be scarce

Friday March 12th, Set As Date For Starting Chowan County's Red Cross War Fund Drive In Effort To Reach \$4,200 Quota

11,081 Register In Chowan County For War Ration Book II

754 Register In Edenton and 3,327 Up County

VOLUNTEERS HELP

Last Opportunity Friday to Apply For Book I

To secure Book No. II, an applicant must have Book No. I, and for the benefit of those who failed to secure the first book and therefore cannot be issued Book No. II, the Chowan War Price and Ration Board will be open to the public Friday night from 8 to 10 o'clock in order to take applications for Book No. I. Incidentally, this will be the last opportunity to secure this ration book, so that any who do not have it should make application at the appointed time.

According to figures submitted by John A. Holmes and W. J. Taylor, 11,081 War Ration Books No. II were issued in the registration held in the schools last week. Of this number 7,754 were issued in the Edenton white and colored schools and 3,327 were issued at Chowan High School and the Community Building at Cross Roads.

For the registration, school teachers again offered their services, as well as a large number of other volunteers; and after the first day during which these volunteers became accustomed to the procedure, the work was carried out with dispatch and there was little waiting necessary on the part of those seeking the books, which now are absolutely essential to purchase any kind of food included in the rationed list.

Mr. Holmes was unable to compare his figures with those who registered for War Ration Book No. I, and while Mr. Taylor did not have exact figures, he said there were fewer who registered for the point rationing coupons than for the first book.

Masonic Lecturer In Edenton This Week

P. C. Stott, of Wendell, assistant grand lecturer of Masons in North Carolina, arrived in Edenton Monday to spend a week with members of Unanimity Lodge for the purpose of giving instruction. Mr. Stott, a blind man, will be delighted to work with Masons any time during the day or at night, and it is hoped many of the members of the local lodge will take advantage of his visit and meet with him for the purpose of receiving instruction.

In Australia



JOHN E. HARRELL Information has been recently received that John E. Harrell, stationed in Australia, has been promoted to corporal. Harrell is the son of B. L. Harrell and was among the first boys to leave Chowan County for army duty when the local Ambulance Company was mustered into service.

E. City Mars Hope Of Perfect Record For E. H. S. Cagers

Edenton Boys Lose Only Game Friday Night of 15 Played

Edenton High School boys' basketball team's hopes of hanging up a perfect record for the season were blasted Friday night when the final game on the schedule was lost to Elizabeth City by a score of 24-22. The game was played in Elizabeth City and two extra periods were necessary to decide the winner. The game was marked by undue roughness and as a result 22 fouls were called during the game.

The Elizabeth City team held the edge at half time when the score stood 13-9, but the Aces gradually overcame the lead and when the final whistle blew the count was knotted at 20-20. In the extra period each team tallied two more points and at the whistle the score was again deadlocked. It was then decided by the two coaches to play until the first team scored, and it was then that Elizabeth City edged out ahead.

Court Officials Get Boost In Salaries

County Commissioners, However, Let Court Costs Alone

With the passage of a bill by the General Assembly which empowers the County Commissioners to fix court costs and set the salaries of the Judge, Prosecuting Attorney and Clerk of Recorder's Court anywhere from \$50 to \$100 for the Judge and Prosecutor, and from \$25 to \$50 for the clerk, the Commissioners, on Monday, granted increases for the three officers.

The salaries for the Judge and Prosecutor were boosted from \$62.50 to \$75 per month, while the clerk will receive \$25 instead of \$20 per month. The Commissioners, however, declined to alter present court costs.

To warrant the salary increases, it was pointed out that more work is necessary by the officials, figures presented showing that in 1940 there were 124 cases tried with costs amounting to \$504 and fines \$793. In 1941 there were 124 cases tried which resulted in \$585.50 in costs and \$1,651 in fines. Figures jumped in 1942 to 130 cases which netted \$792 in costs and \$4,362.85 collected in fines.

New Plan Adopted Allocates Quota For Townships

CONFIDENT Inclement Weather Reduces Crowd at Mass Meeting

Tuesday night outdoors was very disagreeable, and as a result only about a dozen persons attended the mass meeting called by W. J. Berryman for the purpose of planning a campaign to raise Chowan County's quota in the Red Cross War Fund drive. Though numbers were small, interest was not lacking and machinery was put into motion to start the drive on Friday, March 12.

Mr. Berryman presided over the meeting and asked for the election of officers, which resulted in his reelection as chairman of the drive; M. F. Bond as secretary and treasurer, and J. Edwin Bufflap, publicity chairman. Mr. Berryman said it was hardly necessary to explain the purposes and the wonderful work done by the Red Cross, both in peace and war times, but he did emphasize the need of more funds this year due to the war and the increased demands made on the organization. The local chapter's quota is \$4,200, while the nation as a whole is asked to raise \$125,000,000. He asked for expressions for the welfare of the chapter and especially the War Fund Drive, and it was then that several veterans of the first World War told of the good accomplished by the Red Cross, who saw the organization in action.

It was decided to again adopt the system of house-to-house canvassing for funds, and it was also agreed not to ask the churches or other organizations to contribute as a group which, it was pointed out, would tend to defeat the purpose of the campaign.

In only one respect will the drive differ from last year, when the quota of \$2,500 was exceeded by \$100, the contributions amounting to \$2,600. This year each township will be allocated a quota, which was broken down by Mr. Berryman on the basis of taxable values in each township. Under this plan, the First Township will be asked to raise 63 per cent of the quota, or \$2,646. The Second Township will be asked to raise \$672, or 16 per cent; the Third Township \$462 or 11 per cent, and the Fourth Township \$420 or 10 per cent.

Mr. Berryman went a bit further in his plan of allocating, dividing the quotas between the white and colored people in each township. In this breakdown the white people in the First Township are asked to raise \$2,380 and the colored people \$266. In the Second Township, the white quota will be \$404 and the colored \$268. In the Third Township, the quota for white people will be \$393 and \$69 for the colored, while in the Fourth Township, \$351 is the white (Continued on Page Five)

Jimmy Partin Host To Members Lions Club

A very delightful meeting of the Edenton Lions Club was held Monday night when members were entertained by Jimmy Partin at his home on West Gale Street. A splendid meal was served during the evening, when almost a 100 per cent meeting materialized.

A brief business meeting followed the dinner during which the committee appointed to secure a permanent home for the club reported progress. The club is planning to erect a building of its own, or possibly purchase a building which would be transformed into a home for the club.

Another Blackout

E. W. Spires, chairman of the Chowan County Civilian Defense Council, has been notified that another test blackout has been called for Chowan County by the Norfolk Warning Region. The blackout will be held Friday, March 19, from 8:50 to 9:22 o'clock.

T. C. Byrum, commander of the local Civilian Defense Corps, urges all citizens to remember the date and acquaint themselves with the new black-out signals.